



## Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission POLICY/PROCEDURE

<b>Title:</b>	Qualifications for Re-exam - NAPLEX	<b>Number:</b>	40
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<b>Contact:</b>	Executive Director		
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### POLICY STATEMENT:

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) recognizes that the NAPLEX, or North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, measures a candidate's knowledge of the practice of pharmacy. It is just one component of the licensure process and is used by the commission as part of its assessment of an applicant's qualifications to practice as a pharmacist.

An applicant who fails to pass the licensing examination three times shall not be eligible for further examination unless the commission approves a written request for re-examination and a detailed, realistic study plan that the applicant has submitted for the commission's consideration. The applicant must appear before the commission to present his or her request and respond to questions. If the study plan is approved by the commission, the applicant will be authorized to retake the examination. Before sitting for the examination the applicant must complete an additional 750 internship hours and complete a waiting period of up to one-year, as specified by the commission. The 750 internship hours are in addition to the hours originally required by the pharmacist application. The commission has the option to require additional preparation prior to retaking the examination.

Prior to authorization to re-exam, the examinee will submit:

1. Complete an updated *Washington Pharmacist Application* and applicable fees;
2. *Intern Site Evaluation Form*;

3. *Preceptor Evaluation and Certification of Experience Form*: The report should highlight the Intern's experiences specific to the competency areas for which the examinee scored low or below average on the NAPLEX examination; and
  4. Certification of a total of 750 intern hours;
- OR**
5. As deemed by the commission.